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"Mientras tanto, fuentes de exilados cubanos mantiem que el ex-Presidente de Nicaragua, Luis Somoza, que recientemente conferció en Miami con varios dirigents anti-castristas, regresara pronto a esta ~~xxxxx~~ ciudad para continuar las conversaciones."

July 22, Page 2-A, City Edition, Title: Rebel Raiders Strike Nightly Inside Haiti
"SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic - (AP) - Rebel activity was reported increasing inside Haiti Sunday in a new attempt to topple the regime of ~~xxxxxx~~ President Francois Duvalier.
"Fighting, with heavy casulties, is reported nightly in the hills around Port au Prince, the capital.
"One report said an anti-Duvalier band of youths fashioned an armored car with steel plates from a junkyard for a rebel assault in suburban Petionville, July 14.
"These reports were gathered in the Dominican Republic, which shares this Caribbean island with Haiti, from travelers and other sources.
"The reports told of daring hit and run raids against police posts in Petionville and the nearby mountain resort city of Kenscoff.
"The youths with the homemade armored car were said to have killed two soldiers and three militiamen before breaking off their attack on the night of July 14. One of their band was seriously wounded and had to be left behind, the reports said.
"The government has been sending troop reinforcements to the hills around Port au Prince. The city's best homes and tourist hotes are located in the cooler hillside areas.
"But since the outbreak of ~~xxx~~ fighting ~~xx~~ the government "was said to have closed off some of the hills areas even to residents.
"The rebels were reported to have raided the village of Carrefour, six miles southwest of the capital, but the outcome of the fighting there was not determined.
"The rebels accuse Duvalier of illegally serving a second term as president The Haitian constitution prohibits a president from serving two consecutive terms but by rigging a congressional election, Duvalier declared himself elected to a second term before his first term was completed.
"His first term under the constitution ended in May.

July 23, City Edition, Page 9-A -- the current edition of the Saturday Evening Posts reports a rift between John McCone of the CIA and Robert McNamar of the Defense Department particularly over Cuba.

July 23, City Edition, Page 4-C
"MANAGUA, Nicaragua - (UPI) - Manuel Artime, civilian leader of the .... invasion .... met with President Rene Schick at the National Palace ~~xxxxx~~ Monday.
"Artime, self-styled leader of the remnants of the anti-Castro Revolutionary Recovery Movement, announced in Miami last Tuesday he was setting up headquarters 'somewhere' in Central America to direct new exile military operations against the Castro regime.
"The Nicaraguan government was formally denied reports (sic) it ~~palsn~~ plans to aid anti-Castro ~~xxxxxx~~ raiders.
"Artime, wearing an olive-green fatigue uniform, also met with former President Luis Somoza, He was accompanied by several other similarly clad Cuban exiles. They said they were making a 'routs good-will visit' of Central America.

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July 21, 1963, City Edition, Page 31-A by Dom Bonafede

"More than a score of plastic packets containing instructions on how to commit sabotage against the Castro-Communist regime in Cuba were found Saturday washed ashore at Miami Beach.

"The instructions were wrapped inz sealed, watertight, wrapping and printed on leaflets with illustrations, many of which carried the declaration: 'Russians, Get Out of Cuba!'"

"Police theorized that the packets, apparently intended for anti-Castro elements inside Cuba, were jettisoned near the island's coast by exile forces and carried north by recent strong winds and the Gulf Stream.

"According to spokesmen for the Movement of Revolutionary Recovery (MRR), the packets were dropped by members of the exile action group last Sunday off Varadero Beach on the north coast of Cuba. The MRR is headed by Manuel Artime, civilian leader during the Bay of Pigs invasion, who recently announced plans to set up an anti-Castro military movement in Central America.

"Artime left Saturday morning for Venezuela as the first step in an aid-seeking tour.

"Det. Lt. Albert Bilbo, of Miami Beach, reported the containers first started to show up about a week ago. Most, however, were found Saturday along the Miami Beach coastline between 10th and 72nd streets. Others were picket up as far north as Hallandale and south to Chicken Key, where two were discovered by Douglas McLaughlin, 16, of 12900 SW 82nd Court.

"Printed in Spanish, one leaflet said, 'Cubans: Start Fires -- Drop matches or cigarets wherever there is clothing, hay, wood, paper or gasoline.'"

"Others gave tips on how to disconnect pay telephones (by inserting a ball of cloth or paper under the hook holding the receiver) and to interrupt production by breaking equipment and nelgecting to lubricate machinery.

"'Sabotage is necessary for liberty,' delcared some of the pamphlets."

"Many were designed as anti-Russian propoganda.

"'There is no food for our children - but for the Russians, yes!' read one paper, which included a drawing of a sad-eyed boy."

"Included in the packets were decals showing a green gremlin holding a machete and another printed with the word 'Beware!'"

"Not being overlooked is the possibility that the packets were purposely dropped near the Miami Beach shore by exiles hoping to show that anti-Castro action is still being carried on inside Cuba -- or were dumped goverboard by exile raiders spotted at sea by the Coast Guard in an attempt to discard evidence. Current U.S. policy forbids assaults against the Cuban coast from U.S. bases.

"Meanwhile, two boys playing in the surf near the Carousel Motel, 19051 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, reported finding an elongated metal object resembling a rocket."

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"Una nueva agrupacion de exilados cubanos, todos ellos adiestrados en las Fueraas Armadas de Estados Unidos, dice que proyecta llevar a cabo extensas operaciones militares contra el régimen de Cuba.

"Carlos Alberto Montaner, uno de los dirigentes de 'Unidades Militares Cubanas,' declaro que las operaciones se lanzaran desde una base secreta del Caribe.

"Manifesto que la nueva agrupación es una unidad de combate sin filiación política alguna.

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"El grupo anti-castrista Comandos Cubanos Libres anunció el sabado que se disponia a embarcar a sus miembros hacia Centroamérica para iniciar el entrenamiento con vistas a una futura accion contra Cuba.

"Antonio Bustillo, coordinador en el exilio de la organizacion, dijo que varios de sus hombres se encuentran luchando en las montanas del Escambray, en la provincia de Las Villas, en Cuba.

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July 20, City Edition, Page 8-D (Noticias by Carlos Martinez Barraque)

"Manuel Artime, que fuera dirigente civil de la invasion a Cuba, desmintio enfaticamente la informacion publicada el jueves por un periodico de esta ciudad e el sentido de que 400 de sus hombres estuviesen siendo entrenados en Centroamerica.

"Artime, que liderea el Movimiento de Recuperacion Revolucionaria nego de manera categorica la mencionada informacion, que le atribuía el encontrarse en Nicaragua presto a lanzarse contra Fidel Castro.

"No hay campamentos en estos momentos,' declaró. 'Nuestra lucha no se va a circunscribir a un país determinado. Jamas hemos sido hombres de guerras publicitarias ni lo seremos.'"

"Refiriendose a Carlos Alberto Montaner, cuyo nombre aparecio en el reportaje de dicho diario Artime manifesto desconocerle. Montaner encabeza la organizacion Unidades Cubanas, compuesta por veteranos de la invasion entrenados en campamentos norteamericanos

"Por su parte, Montaner afirmó: 'No tenemos noticias de que por ahora se hayan abierto campamentos. Todos nuestros hombres están en Miami actualmente.

"Agrego que las Unidades Cubanas no mantienen ningun tipo de vinculos con los demas organismos del destierro ni con el MRR que liderea el ex-dirigente civil de la invasión a Cuba.

Puerto Cores, Honduras --"Dos embarcaciones de cubanos exilados en esta ciudad fueron sabotedas por elementos comunistas, quienes trataron de destruirlas en dos ocasiones, según acaba de denunciar el senor Antonio Losada Montes, Presidente del Partido Libertador Democratico de Cuba.

"Los barcos llamados 'San Lazaro' y 'Libertad' de 42 y 44 pies de eslora, propiedad de cubanos que huyeron en ellos desde la Cuba comunista y que estaban siendo usandos para darle trabajo a esos cubanos exilados y pescadorres hondurenos según investigacion de la policia, fueron dañados por elementos comunistas.

"El sabotaje dio resultado con el primer barco, el 'San Lazaro,' pero los saboteadores fueron detenidos dentro del 'Libertad' y confesaron en la Delegación de la Guardia Civil de Puerto Cortes, en declaracion firmada, que habian sido contratados por elementos comunistas, los que les pagaron cincuenta lempiras por sus fechorias.

(my translation)

Antonio de Varona took issue with President Kennedy's statement that the United States and communism can exist peacefully in the world. Varona catagorically states that there can be no peace with communist Cuba.

El jueves, el Movimiento de Recuperacion Revolucionaria seperated from the Cuban Revolutionary Council.

July 21, City Edition, Page 21-A from the Miami Herald, Chicago News Wire

"PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - A heavy rain of mortar and machinegun fire shook the mountains 20 miles from here during the last three days in the fiercest fighting since the April crisis.

"Speculation ran that government troops under Dictator Francois Duvalier were locked in combat with followers of Rebel Leader Clement Barbot and other bands of young insurgents.

"The mortar bombardment and raking machinegun bursts were heard at dawn Friday and twice Thursday night. The heavy weapons fired steadily for periods of 20 minutes to half an hours.

"The din of battle and the flash of muzzles had first been seen and heard on Wednesday night.

"It was rumored here that 20 rebels were holding out in a cave against government forces, although other reports indicated the fighting was far more widespread.

"On Tuesday government-controlled radio stations had broadcast throughout the day that Barbot, former personal secretary to Duvalier, and his brother, Harry, had been slain by militiamen.

"Although the bodies have not been seen by the public, observers said it was certain the Barbots had been killed.

"A number of persons were reported arrested Thursday at Kenscoff, six miles

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"Also wounded was Ildefonso Martinez, 22, a U.S. soldier home leave. His condition was listed as satisfactory Thursday at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

July 19, 1963, Page 6-B, City Edition, Title: Cuban Underground Demands Military Aid by Carlos Martinez Barraque (Article deleted)

July 19, Page 7-B, City Edition (my Rough translation) It is stated that ~~XXXXX~~ Doctor Carlos Prio Socarras is in the Dominican Republic not only for political reasons but also because private matters need his attention there.

(Two weeks later an invasion is launched from the Dominican Republic ~~xxxxx~~ the ~~xxxxxxx~~ objective being the overthrow of Duvalier. DeM is in Haiti when the invasion ~~from the~~ Dominican Republic is launched.)

July 19, City Edition, Page 28-C
"Two Cuban refugees -- drawing U.S. aid -- were arrested Thursday and charged with selling $ 25,000 worth of cocaine to a narcotic bureau agent, Gene Marshall, chief of the U.S. Narcotics Bureau here announced.

"There were identified as Reinaldo Lopez Lima ..." and Thomas Gomez.

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July 18, Thursday, Page 20-A, City Edition, Title: 2 Held On Drug Charges

"Two Cubans who allegedly smuggled eight ounces of marijuana into the United States by mail from Mexico were ordered held for grand jury action, Wednesday.

"U.S. Commissioner Roger Edward Davis found there was no probable cause to hold two other Cubans found by U.S. Customs agents in the same room with those who had opened the package of narcotics.

"Agents testified that during a routine check of parcels from Mexico last Monday they found the marijuana addressed to Mery de Guerra 26, of 206 SW Sixth St.. They permitted the package to be delivered Wednesday, they said.

"Moments after Mrs. Guerra took the parcel from a postman, they said, they entered the home on a search warrant and found the parcel wrappings on a bed and the drug concerned behind a rack of clothes.

"Joaquin Cantera Cordova, 42, admitted to agents he had ordered the package sent to Mrs. Guerra's address and intended to roll the marijuna into cigarettes and sell them on the Miami market.

"Agents said the eight ounces, costing about $ 30, could have been rolled into 'at least 200 cigarettes selling at a dollar each.'"

"Dismissed by Davis were Fausto Guerra Y Caballero, Mrs. Guerra's husband, and Hermelinda Caesar Urguills, whom agents said were in the bedroom where they found the drugs at the time of the seizure.

July 19, City Edition, Section B, Page 1 "The Town Crier"

"Latin American Civic Association is one year old. So there's a big celebration Saturday night at Miami Police Benevolent Association hall, 2300 N.W. 14th St. President Ernest Rivero has arranged a stage show, in addition to Javier Varona's band. It's an outfit dedicated to better understanding among people.

"Two Cuban refugees will play leads in the Miami Beach High School drama program July 23. The play is 'Dino,' with Jay Jensen directing. Raphael Velazquez and Juan Cruz are the Cubans to be starred.

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"A onetime Batista Army sergeant, who fought against Castro in the Bay of Pigs invasion and escaped, surrendered himself Thursday on a murder charge.

"Jose Filiberto Cardenas, 36, 44 NE 11th Ter., walked into police headquarters with his attorney, William Porter, and gave only his name, age, and address.

"He said nothing of the argument and shooting July 14 in the rear of the Yumuri Restaurant and Bar, 1820 SW 8th St.

"It was there a .32 caliber bullet struck Juan Gonzalez, 20, of 1620 NW 4th St. in the abdomen. He died six hours later.

"Twice before Gonzalez faced death.

"In 1961, then 18 years old, Gonzalez stood trembling with his back to the wall as a Fidel Castro firing squad raised their guns, took aim, and fired.

"The boy's hands went to his chest, groping for bullet holes that were not there.

"Then his tormentors, grinning, told him they were playing a 'joke.'"

"'It was a part of their torture system to break me down so I would tell about counter revolutionary activities,' Gonzalez said later.

"'Another time they said they were going to kill me and they placed a revolver against my head and fired. There is powder in the cartridges but no lead. It almost scares you to death.'"

"Gonzalez was later freed, fled to Miami, then returned to Cuba with Brigade 2506. He was against captured and returned to Miami as a ransomed prisoner.

"'Four Cubans were arguing about politics,' said Homicide Detective Mike Gonzales. 'Cardenas punched a man named Jesus Morales in the nose and the other s rushed to help him. Cardenas started shooting.'"

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July 17, Page 20-A, City Edition; Title: Cuban Invasion Chief Maps New Fight
By Al Burt, Herald Latin America Editor

"Manuel Artime, onetime Cuban invasion leader, said Tuesday he has the suppor of six Latin American countries to carry a new fight to Fidel Castro

"Artime added that he will work from a Central American base, and that more than 600 men already are prepared to follow him.

"The young exile, who spent some two years in a Cuban jail following the Bay of Pigs fiasco, said he would follow two strict rules:

"No U.S. Land would be used as a base.

"Raiding parties or guerrillas in Cuba would attack no Russians unless the Russians attacked first.

"'We do not have any help from the United States, but we hope by following these rules that the United States will not use any pressure to stop Latin American countries from helping us,' Artime said."

"'The headquarters for the fight against Castro now must shift from Miami to Latin America,. Cubans cannot fight the FBI, the CIA, the Coast Guard and Castro, too.'"

"Although Artime did not name his six supporters, it is believed that at lease four of these are in Central America.

"His statement coincides with the appearance in Miami last week of former Nicaraguan President Luis Somoza, who told Cuban exiles he would like to support and direct their fight.

"Artime said much of his effort in the preliminary stages will be directed toward getting arms and supplies to the Cuban underground.

He said the action he planned would be against strategic objectives in Cuba, in cooperation with the underground, and would not be strikes just for the sake of harassment.

"Many of Artime's followers are former members of the Brigade 2506, the 196 invasion army.

"Since the U.S. xxxxxxxxxx crackdown on exile raids against Cuba earlier this year, Cuban groups have sought new bases. Most have turned to the sympathet Central American countries.

"In addition to Artime, other exiles organizations with similar plans also are expected to set up new headquarters in Central America.